

Statement from Bellingham School District. 11/12/2019

We are declining your offer for an on-camera interview.

- The bathroom at issue never was, and will not be, used as an educational space.
- We, like all school districts, are prohibited by FERPA from commenting on information in student records. Families may share their perspectives with the media; school districts may not.
- As a matter of policy and practice, we promptly and thoroughly investigate allegations of harassment and retaliation. Bellingham Public Schools does not tolerate harassment or retaliation; we also do not reward false allegations made in retaliation for not getting an earlier desired result.
- When our employees are accused of misconduct, we treat them with fairness and dignity. This includes objective investigations and the existence of substantial evidence. We correct misconduct privately and do not engage in public shaming as a corrective action.